

**Minutes of the Solid Waste Committee**  
**December 14, 2006**

**Present:** Susan Waite, Recycling Coordinator; Guilford Mooring, Superintendent of Public Works; Pat Church, chair; Clare Bertrand, Lucy McMurrer, Meg Vickery.

The Meeting was convened at 4:20 pm

The Minutes from the previous meeting we accepted with spelling corrections.

New members: Lucy has someone in mind to ask and will do so.

**Updates:**

**Grants:** Susan gave the committee an update on the DEP grant. We received a consumer outreach tool kit with press releases, 7 recycling containers for use in public spaces, 20 rain barrel discount vouchers, 50 water conservation kits and school recycling assistance which included DVDs and brochures. We are still waiting to hear about the grant from the MRF and Susan has mailed out remaining new resident information brochures and sent out surveys for rain barrels.

**Community Education:** The Hitchcock Center has asked her to do a Science Day for children on April 14<sup>th</sup>. Susan has also notified teachers of an Essay Contest for Earth Day sponsored by the MRF. The theme is "You Make It Happen." Susan also mentioned an event sponsored by MASSRECYCLES for municipal volunteers.

**School Composting:** Susan reported that Martin's Farms is getting more trash and is unhappy. She has spoken with the vice-principal at Fort River who suggested more volunteers in the lunchroom. The Committee discussed when/if we should pull the plug. Meg and Guilford have met with Susan and decided to continue with Marks Meadow and Wildwood for the time being, but drop the other schools. We should meet with the principals all together and discuss ways that this can work more satisfactorily, as well as trying to calculate the numbers and find financial incentives. Major hurdles include, the Styrofoam and plastic and the fact that the town charges considerably less to haul the schools' trash than do mainstream haulers. Susan passed out an article about the new composting program at Granby High School.

**Business Survey:** Pat reported that she went to Bank of America and was told that they shred everything and then the shredding company recycles the material. Lucy went to see Len at R & P Liquors. He recycles everything on his own. Some micro-breweries take back their bottles. He also recycles for the tenants who live above. Susan went to Collective Copies and reported that they have two huge totes which are picked up every two weeks and the landlord deals with trash and cardboard recycling. The Committee discussed how to approach Ray the owner of CopyCat Printers. Clare will first find out who owns the dumpster behind the store to find out who is the landlord of the building. Next month, Pat will go to Hastings, Meg will go to Jeffrey Amherst Bookstore, Lucy will go to Sibies, the Liquor Store, and Andiamo. We are still waiting to hear what Harvey and Marianne found out.

The next meeting is January 11, 2007 at 4 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:12 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Meg Vickery, clerk pro tem